UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

CIVIL ACTION NO. 05-11598-WGY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

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CITY OF BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS; THOMAS M. MENINO, in his official capacity as Mayor of the City of Boston; BOSTON CITY COUNCIL; MICHAEL F. FLAHERTY, PAUL J. SCAPICCHIO, JAMES M. KELLY, MAUREEN E. FEENEY, CHARLES C. YANCY, ROB CONSALVO, JOHN TOBIN, CHUCK TURNER, MICHAEL P. ROSS, JERRY P. MCDERMOTT, FELIX D. ARROYO, MAURA HENNIGAN, STEPHEN J. MURPHY; BOSTON ELECTION DEPARTMENT; GERALDINE CUDDYER, in her official capacity as Chair of the Boston Election Department; SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,

Defendants.

CITY OF BOSTON DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO DISMISS INTERVENOR DEFENDANT SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH'S CROSS-CLAIMS

NOW COME the Defendants, City of Boston ("the City"), and move this Honorable Court pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.P.

12(b)(1), to dismiss all Counts of the Intervenor Defendant Secretary of the Commonwealth's cross-claims directed

As grounds therefore, the City states that:

against it (Counts I though IV).

- There is no case or controversy presently before the Court and, as a result, the Secretary of the Commonwealth's cross-claims are moot.
- 2. The Court should not exercise supplemental jurisdiction over the cross-claims as:
 - i. The cross-claims set forth by the Secretary of the Commonwealth arise out of a distinct and separate nucleus of facts than the underlying Complaint.
 - ii. The cross-claims raise novel or complex issues of State law.
 - iii. The cross-claims asserted by the Secretary are state law claims and thus predominate over any federal issue raised in the underlying Complaint.

The City submits the attached Memorandum of Law in further support of this motion.

WHEREFORE, the City of Boston respectfully moves this Court to dismiss all cross-claims (Counts I through IV) filed by the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Respectfully submitted,

DEFENDANTS, CITY OF BOSTON AND THOMAS M. MENINO

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> /s/ Sean Nehill Sean Nehill